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Please Note:

New vendors and subcontractors must supply all required paperwork (Appendix 1, Financial Statement, and 3 Reference Letters), and must register in the Online Representations and Certifications Application (ORCA). In addition, all Vendors must also be registered in the CCR, within 48 hours after bid opening or your company may be considered non-responsive.

FV-316

Fruit and Vegetable Programs

Date Issued: October 11, 2006

Fresh Citrus, Announcement FV-316, Invitation 005.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) invites offers to sell fresh citrus as indicated below and per the Announcement for use in child nutrition programs. Offers are due by 1 p.m., Central Time, **Wednesday, October 25, 2006**. Acceptances will be announced by midnight, **Wednesday, November 8, 2006**. Deliveries are to be made from January 22, 2007 through January 24, 2007.

Offers are invited from the trade for 940 cases of fresh grapefruit in cartons to a shipping container.

Vendors or subcontractors who are supplying fresh grapefruit are required to undergo the USDA AMS FVP Fresh Products Branch Good Handling Practices (GHP) certification process, and must score at least 70% on each of the following elements: House Packing; Storage and Transportation; and Traceback, prior to the submission of bids. Brokers are exempt from this requirement.

Vendors or subcontractors who have not acquired the GHP certification prior to the submission of bids will be deemed non-responsive.

The Fresh Produce Audit Verification Program can be accessed at the following website:

<http://www.ams.usda.gov/fv/fpbgapghp.htm>

No offer will be made to 8(a) vendors on this invitation.

Funds are not presently available for contracts awarded for FY 2007. The Government's obligation for contracts issued is contingent upon appropriation of funds from which payment for contract purposes can be made. No legal liability on the part of the Government for any payment may arise until funds are made available to the Contracting Officer for these contracts and until the Contractor receives written notice of such availability from the Contracting Officer.



Bids must be submitted electronically via the Domestic Electronic Bid Entry System (DEBES) on the Internet. Offerors who submit bids using other than DEBES, will be deemed non-responsive. Offeror must be assigned a Logon ID by USDA to access the site. The Internet address is: <http://pcsd.usda.gov/debes> which translates into a connection of <https://pcsd.usda.gov:3077/mdbc1000.exe>? Once connected, follow the online procedures. A 'HELP' button provides detailed instructions for using the system or call 202-720-4517 for assistance.

Bidders are cautioned to bid only quantities they can reasonably expect to produce and deliver in accordance with the contract. Inquiries about Announcement FV-316 Appendix-1, the Commodity Specification for Fresh Fruit dated April 2004, or this Invitation should be directed to the Contracting Officer, USDA/AMS/Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Commodity Procurement Branch STOP 0239, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, DC 20250-9410, telephone (202) 720-4517. An electronic version of this invitation can be obtained through the world wide web via the Commodity Procurement Home Page at <http://www.ams.usda.gov/cp>.

Purchases will be made on a delivered basis, subject to Announcement FV-316, to the listed locations. Delivery by trucks or railcars is optional to the contractor, except for those destination(s) which specify delivery by truck only or rail only.

Split shipments are indicated by single asterisk.

ANNOUNCEMENT : FV316
 INVITATION : 005
 COMM GROUP : 34 FRUIT, FRESH
 COMM TYPE : 32 GRAPEFRUIT, FRESH
 PACK SIZE : 34 34-39 LB CARTON

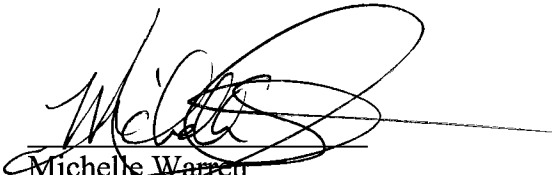
ITEM NO	DESTINATION CITY	ST	TRANS RESTR	QUANTITY (CSE)	PRICE PER (CSE)
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DELIVERY PERIOD 01/22/07 - 01/24/07

001	PORT NEWARK	NJ		470	_____
	VINELAND	NJ		450	_____
	VINELAND	NJ	TRUCK ONLY	20	_____

TOTAL QUANTITY FOR COMMODITY TYPE 940

TOTAL QUANTITY FOR INVITATION 940


 Michelle Warren
 Contracting Officer

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